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SUBJECT: ECS – ORGANIC CERTIFICATION COST SHARE

Purpose. To transmit information about this program, which is being handled by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

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The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications from certified organic Minnesota growers and handlers for organic certification cost-share payments.

Both certified organic farmers and certified organic handlers (processors, distributors and retailers) may participate. Applicants are eligible for reimbursement of 75 percent of their certification-related costs, up to a maximum of \$500.

To qualify, applicants must provide copies of a valid organic certificate and copies of itemized bills dated between October 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005. Applications must be postmarked by November 15th, 2005. Funds are limited this year and will be paid on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application forms and other program details are available on the MDA organic web site at: www.mda.state.mn.us/esap/organic.

RC&D and field staff are encouraged to let interested producers know about the existence of this program.

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